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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on solidarity and mutual assistance between
the Member States in the event of large-scale
disasters

The European Parliament,

- whereas the strengthening of solidarity between the Member States is one of the objectives towards which the Community must work through all appropriate actions,
 - considering that where large-scale disasters are due to natural or accidental causes and create a risk to extensive territorial areas and large sectors of the population, it would be particularly useful for the country so affected to be able to draw on aid from the other Community Member States,
 - whereas it is difficult for any single country to have constantly at its disposal all the resources and instruments required to respond to a large-scale disaster since such events are difficult to foresee and altogether exceptional,
1. Calls upon the Commission to submit a proposal for a directive setting out norms for the aid and support which Member States will be required to make available when any Community country is hit by a large-scale disaster due to natural or accidental causes;
 2. Considers it appropriate for the directive to lay down procedures for the provision by each Member State to the others of the resources and instruments needed to cope with such exceptional situations;
 3. Recommends that the Commission should adopt appropriate provisions to establish permanent liaison between the specialized centres and agencies existing in the individual Member States.